



**Interstate Pest Control Compact and Pest Control Insurance Fund
Mid Year Meeting of the Governing Board
Sunday, February 11, 2007
The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capital Hill, Washington, DC
7:00 am to 9:00 am**

Attendees:

Member States Present (23):

Arizona	– Jack Peterson (AZDA staff)
Arkansas	– Darryl Little
California	– A.G. Kawamura (IPCC Chairman)
Delaware	– Michael Scuse (IPCC Executive Committee)
Florida	– Charles Bronson
Georgia	– Tommy Irvin and James Sutton (GDA staff)
Indiana	– Andy Miller
Maine	– Ned Porter (MDAFRR staff)
Maryland	– Mary Ellen Setting (MDA staff)
Michigan	– Ken Rauscher (MDA staff)
Mississippi	– Mike Taggart (MDAC staff)
Nebraska	– Denis Blank (NDA staff)
New Jersey	– Charles Kuperus
North Carolina	– Richard Reich (NCDACS staff)
North Dakota	– Roger Johnson
Oregon	– Jim Cramer (ODA staff)
Pennsylvania	– Russell Redding (PDA staff)
Rhode Island	– Kenneth Ayars
Tennessee	– Gray Haun (TDA staff)
Texas	– Drew DeBerry and Cary Dupuy (TDA staff)
Utah	– Leonard Blackman
Vermont	– Roger Albee
West Virginia	– Gus Douglass (IPCC Executive Committee)

Non-Member States Present (1):

Wisconsin	– Barb Knapp (WDATCP staff)
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Others Present (1):

Bob Balaam	– Executive Director, IPCC
NASDA	– Rick Kirchhoff

Call to Order

Chairman A.G. Kawamura (CA) called the meeting to order at 7:15 am.

Roll Call of Member States

IPCC Executive Director, Bob Balaam, took role call, declaring 23 member states present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kawamura called for an approval of the September 17, 2006 meeting minutes. Acceptance of the minutes was moved by Michael Scuse (DE) and was seconded by Charlie Bronson (FL). Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Kawamura spoke of invasive species issues, particularly those affecting his State (CA). Even though pesticide usage is minimal, anti-pesticide activists are making their voice heard. The environmental community does recognize the importance of invasive species, but unfortunately, most of the public does not. Chairman Kawamura is looking for more support from non-traditional sources. In an effort to curb the introduction of invasive species, California border stations need to stay open despite budget shortfalls.

Report of the Treasurer

Former IPCC Treasurer and Commissioner Carlton Courter, resigned from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in December 2006 and so there was no Treasurer present. Staff from the VDACS has continued to provide support in the absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Executive Director, Bob Balaam. There was no discussion on the report. A motion to accept the report was made by Michael Scuse (DE) and was seconded by Ken Rauscher (MI). Motion passed with a majority vote.

Report of the Executive Director

Bob Balaam gave a report highlighting issues affecting the Compact since the September 2006 meeting as follows:

- Membership
 - There are 37 current member states. No new members have joined since September's meeting.
 - All current members have completely paid their membership fee. Six members are without enabling legislation (AZ, AR, CO, FL, NE, and PR). These members have until September 2010 to pass enabling legislation or they will rescind all voting rights.
- Insurance Fund Claims
 - Request received to invoke Compact by Ohio. Infestation of Hemlock woolly Adelgid in Michigan's northwestern area of the Lower Peninsula needs to be delimited through survey and eradicated. Request supported by Minnesota and Wisconsin (non-member state). Funding request is for \$75,000. Ken Rauscher reported that they are initiating a quarantine. Balaam gave a short presentation on the pest.

- At the request of Chairman Kawamura, Balaam gave a brief overview of the Compact and the Pest Control Insurance Fund. Also reviewed the information found on the IPCC's web site (www.pestcompact.org).
- 2006 Annual Report
 - The 2006 Annual Report of the IPCC was prepared by the Executive Director and posted on the IPCC website after notification to all member states in October 2006. Copies of the report were not printed and mailed to members and associated interests as a cost savings initiative as directed by the Governing Board during the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Executive Director Balaam reported on the IRS Status of the IPCC. The IRS ruled that effective September 18, 2006, the IPCC is exempt from Federal income tax under the IRS code 501 (c)(3). The Compact can now accept tax deductible donations.

New Business

- Status of IPCC Treasury and Election of interim Treasurer.
 - There was considerable discussion concerning the placement of funds due to the resignation of former Treasurer Carlton Courter (VA) and the need for a more permanent home for the funds that would not be dependent on the status of the Treasurer as a Commissioner/Secretary/Director. Staff from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services had requested that the funds be placed under the management of someone else due to the resignation of their Commissioner. It was decided that the IPCC funds would be transferred to NASDA for management (investment and operating accounts).
 - Tommy Irvin (GA) was nominated and elected as interim Treasurer.
- State Membership Contribution Allocations
 - The contribution table which determines a State's membership assessment rate has not been revised for several years. It was decided that a discussion concerning changing the State Assessment Table based on current values of crop and forest products would be held at the Annual Meeting in September.

Adjourn

Chairman Kawamura adjourned the meeting at 7:55 am.